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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Applicant: David R. MACHIN

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Examiner: Prieto

Docket No.: P65858US0

Customer No: 00136

Title: ON-LINE BENCHMARKING SYSTEM AND METHOD

**THIRD  
REQUEST FOR STATUS**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

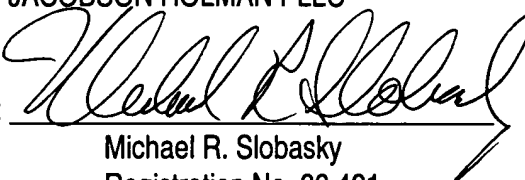
Four years ago, the above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A Status Request was filed on August 31, 2000, and a A Status Letter Reply received by the undersigned on February 12, 2002, indicating that the expected date for action on the subject application would be January 2003, over one year ago.

On November 26, 2003, a telephone inquiry to the PTO's Customer Service for group 2100 was initiated and Examiner Prieto stated that we should receive an Office Action within the "next two or three months". On April 26, 2004, a Second Request for Status was filed in the PTO.

To date, according to counsel's records, no action on the merits of this application has been received,  
and the status of this application is urgently requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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